

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

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***A furious squall came up, and the waves broke  
Over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.  
Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion.  
The disciples woke Him and said to Him,  
“Teacher, don’t you care?”  
(Mark 4:37, 38)***

Dear friends in Christ,

As many of you know, Katie Laubenstein, who has taught at Immanuel Lutheran School since its beginning four years ago, will not be returning this coming school year.

We are going to miss her and we pray that God bless her as she continues to serve Him in another place.

Our school has really blossomed this past year, with our largest enrollment of 32 students – a great faculty – and a curriculum that keeps our standards high. And most important of all, the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ are taught in truth to equip our students to live lives of faith. Now, with both Katie and Rhiana Taylor not returning, we have some challenges ahead of us.

I feel somewhat like the disciples during that storm on the sea of Galilee. A furious squall has hit our school. For many of our parents and students, these changes are unexpected and cause concern. What’s going to happen this coming school year? I know I’ve been busy contacting our Synodical universities searching for teacher candidates to fill our full-time position. Although I have spoken with several candidates, the position remains open. It would be easy to throw up our arms in despair and say, “Lord, don’t you care?” I am probably not much different than our parents – I’d like to call a teacher NOW and get it done with, so we can all rest easy.

That is why I’m reminded of those disciples on that fishing boat in the storm. Of course, Jesus cares for His disciples, and that includes us. Our smallness of faith can so easily cause us great stress and we lose confidence in what our Lord does and can do for us. Has not our Lord provided us with wonderful teachers for the past four years? Hasn’t He seen us through rough waters before? He has always provided for us. Of course, His way of doing things and His timing may not be what we expect. That’s part of our problem.

Our Lord has provided for us, always. Immanuel Lutheran School has been a blessing to this congregation and to the families who have sent their children here. By God’s grace that will continue. I’m confident that the Lord is in charge and that He will provide an outstanding, faithful staff to do His work. O yes, that will be done according to His will and timing. Until then, keep our school in your prayers.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Praeuner